

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: MARK NICHOLAS JOHNSON)
SERIAL NO.: 09/864,694)
FILED: MAY 24 2001)
FOR: MECHANICAL JOINT)
GROUP ART UNIT: 3679)
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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of Patents
P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated May 13, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$210 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

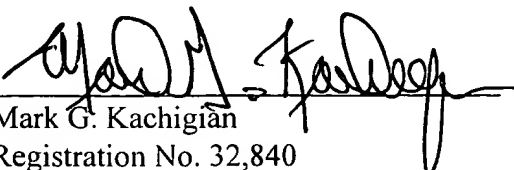
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully submitted,

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